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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN CONCERN RE: US ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

- 1. MOROCCAN AMB. SENOUSSI CALLED ON ASST. SECY. NEWSOM MARCH 9 TO EXPRESS HIS PERSONAL CONCERN THAT US HAD NOT YET RESPONDED TO OUTSTANDING MOROCCAN REQUESTS FOR PL-480 TITLE I PROGRAM AND FOR FMS CREDIT. POINTING OUT THAT CONSIDERABLE TIME HAD PASSED SINCE GOM HAD REQUESTED WHEAT, OIL AND COTTON UNDER TITLE I ON ONE HAND AND INCREASE IN FMS CREDIT ON THE OTHER, SENOUSSI SAID HE HOPED POSITIVE RESPONSES WOULD BE FORTHCOMING SOON AND THAT DELAYS DID NOT SIGNIFY ANY CHANGE IN US ATTITUDE TOWARD MOROCCO.
- 2. NEWSOM REPLIED THAT US CONSIDERS MOROCCO AS CLOSE AND IMPORTANT FRIEND AND RECALLED RECENT HIGH LEVEL EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. HE ASSURED AMB. SENOUSSI THAT DELAYS AND ANTICIPATED REDUCTIONS IN THESE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR MOROCCO THIS FISCAL YEAR WERE SOLELY THE CONFIDENTIAL

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RESULT OF LIMITATIONS IN US RESOURCES AND TECHNICAL COMPLICATIONS; THEY CARRIED NO POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS. HE ALSO REMINDED AMBASSADOR THAT US HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO EXTEND NEW LOAN TO GOM AND WAS AWAITING MOROCCAN DECISION BEGIN DISCUSSIONS. SENOUSSI EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THESE ASSURANCES AND SAID HE WOULD INFORM HIS GOVERNMENT. ROGERS

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